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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire increased by 490 from mid-May to mid-June. The latest total of 24,090 represents 4.4 percent of the civilian labor force of 543,170. In May the rate was 4.5 percent and a year ago it was also 4.5 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.5 percent in June, 7.0 percent in May and 7.4 percent a year ago. Six areas recorded unemployment increases led by Concord and Nashua with 650 more unemployed. Five areas experienced unemployment decreases led by the Salem area with 400 fewer unemployed. The Claremont area remained unchanged from the previous month. Unemployment rates ranged from a high of 6.1 percent in the Salem area to a low of 3.3 percent in both the Manchester and Laconia areas. Compared to a year ago, eight areas experienced more unemployment while four areas experienced less. The civilian labor force increased by 16,880 from May to June as seasonal employment grew substantially due to the start of the summer tourist season. The largest labor force increases occurred in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. Maine area with an increase of 4,250 and in the Laconia area with 2,850.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 13,400 from May as manufacturing increased by 750 and nonmanufacturing 12,650. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 32,950 workers as manufacturing is down 2,200, but nonmanufacturing is up 35,150. The largest gain occurred in trade which is up by 13,950 workers over last year. Overall, the largest industrial decrease occurred in leather products which lost 1,400 jobs over the year.

Manchester Economic Conditions: Total unemployment increased slightly from May as the unemployment rate rose from 3.2 to 3.3 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.3 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 700 from May and is up 2,200 from the year ago level. Manufacturing decreased by 250, but nonmanufacturing is up 2,450. The largest industrial gain over the year occurred in services which increased by 900 workers.

Nashua Economic Conditions: Total unemployment increased by 650 from May as the unemployment rate increased significantly from 3.8 to 4.4 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.0 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 1,500 from May and is up 4,250 from the year ago level. Manufacturing increased by only 200, but nonmanufacturing is up 4,050. The largest manufacturing gain occurred in machinery and electrical products with an over the year gain of 1,100 jobs. In the nonmanufacturing sector, trade is up 1,500 and services 1,200.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	Month	Year	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	Month	Year	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	543,170	526,290	527,250	16,880	15,920	86,430	85,590	84,750	840	1,680	96,630	94,220	92,930	2,410	3,700
2. Unemployment	24,090	23,600	23,790	490	300	2,810	2,720	2,800	90	10	4,210	3,560	2,810	650	1,400
Percent of labor force	4.4	4.5	4.5	xxx	xxx	3.3	3.2	3.3	xxx	xxx	4.4	3.8	3.0	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	519,080	502,690	503,460	16,390	15,620	83,620	82,870	81,950	750	1,670	92,420	90,660	90,120	1,760	2,300
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	482,300	468,900	449,350	13,400	32,950	79,000	78,300	76,800	700	2,200	85,150	83,650	80,900	1,500	4,250
Manufacturing	122,450	121,700	124,650	750	-2,200	15,700	15,550	15,950	150	-250	37,450	37,050	37,250	400	200
Durable goods	83,550	83,200	82,950	350	600	9,000	9,000	9,100	0	-100	31,850	31,500	30,750	350	1,100
Lumber & wood prods.	5,550	5,350	5,400	200	150										
Furniture & fixtures	1,250	1,250	1,450	0	-200										
Stone & clay prods.	2,900	2,850	2,950	50	-50										
Primary metal prods.	4,750	4,800	4,550	-50	200										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,650	6,650	7,050	0	-400										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,450	25,250	23,950	200	1,500										
Electrical prods.	26,400	26,400	27,050	0	-650	5,600	5,650	5,700	-50	-100	24,700	24,350	23,600	350	1,100
Miscellaneous prods.	2,200	2,200	2,150	0	50										
Other durables	8,400	8,450	8,400	-50	0	3,400	3,350	3,400	50	0	7,150	7,150	7,150	0	0
Nondurable goods	38,900	38,500	41,700	400	-2,800	6,700	6,550	6,850	150	-150	5,600	5,550	6,500	50	-900
Food & kindred prods.	3,000	3,000	2,950	0	50										
Textile mill prods.	3,750	3,950	4,250	-200	-500										
Apparel	2,500	2,500	2,750	0	-250	2,050	2,050	2,050	0	0					
Paper & allied prods.	5,600	5,450	5,800	150	-200										
Print., pub. & allied	6,900	6,800	6,850	100	50										
Leather & lea. prods.	6,450	6,200	7,850	250	-1,400										
Other nondurables	10,700	10,600	11,250	100	-550	4,650	4,500	4,800	150	-150					
Nonmanufacturing	359,850	347,200	324,700	12,650	35,150	63,300	62,750	60,850	550	2,450	47,700	46,600	43,650	1,100	4,050
Construction (inc. min.)	32,800	29,500	24,400	3,300	8,400	4,700	4,350	4,000	350	700	4,000	3,800	3,500	200	500
Trans., comm. & util.	15,550	15,250	15,500	300	50	4,800	4,700	4,750	100	50	2,250	2,250	2,150	0	100
Trade	121,150	116,250	107,200	4,900	13,950	20,500	20,400	20,250	100	250	17,750	17,250	16,250	500	1,500
Fin., ins. & real estate	25,950	25,600	23,650	350	2,300	6,850	6,800	6,550	50	300	2,850	2,800	2,550	50	300
Service industry & other	99,950	95,800	92,250	4,150	7,700	18,800	18,800	17,900	0	900	15,100	14,750	13,900	350	1,200
Government	64,450	64,800	61,700	-350	2,750	7,650	7,700	7,400	-50	250	5,750	5,750	5,300	0	450
Federal	12,200	12,100	11,900	100	300	2,250	2,200	2,150	50	100	700	700	700	0	0
State	16,750	17,300	15,500	-550	1,250	800	850	800	-50	0	200	200	200	0	0
Local	35,500	35,400	34,300	100	1,200	4,600	4,650	4,450	-50	150	4,850	4,850	4,400	0	450

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
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Labor Disputes:

Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Area and County

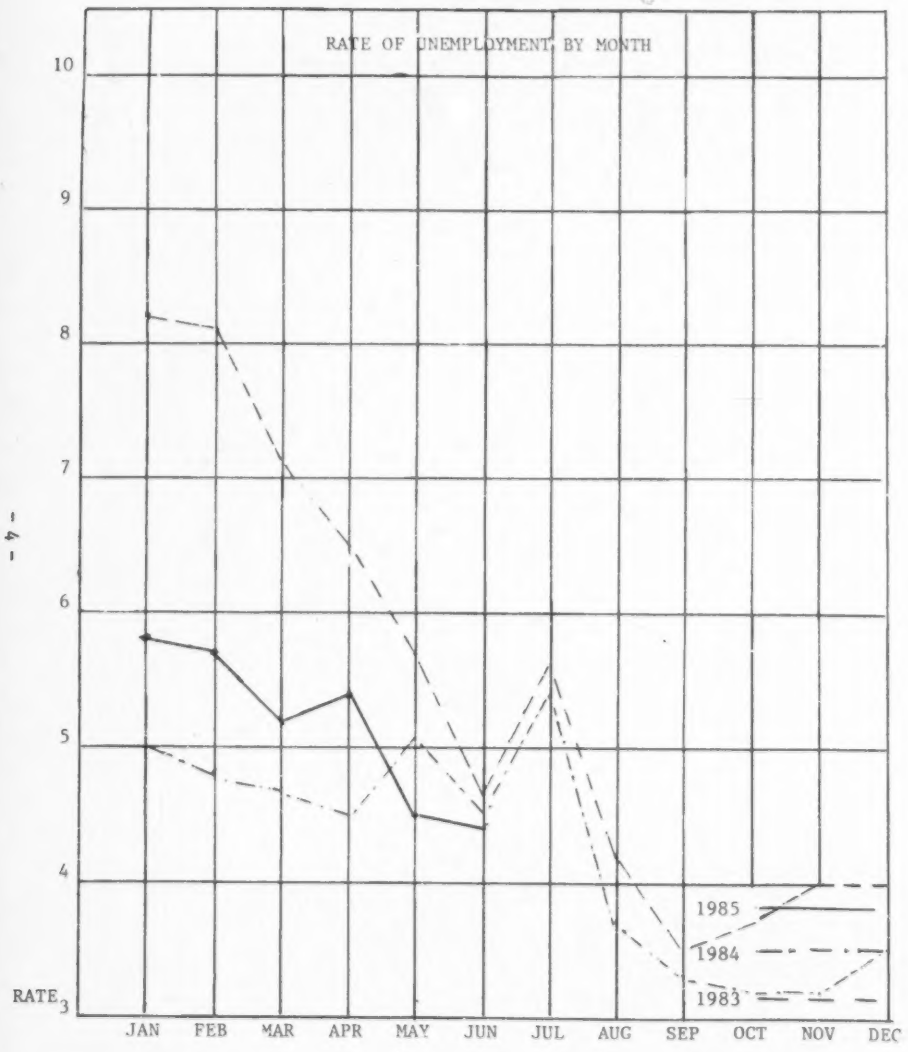
Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	June 1985 Number	Rate	May 1985 Number	Rate	June 1984 Number	Rate	Month	Year	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	Month	Year
United States**	8,753	7.5	8,011	7.0	8,582	7.4	742	171	116,572	114,890	115,393	1,682	1,179
New Hampshire	24,090	4.4	23,600	4.5	23,790	4.5	490	300	543,160	526,290	527,250	16,870	15,910
Area													
Berlin LMA	1,110	5.6	1,420	7.6	1,160	6.0	-310	-50	19,800	18,800	19,210	1,000	590
Claremont LMA	1,490	3.9	1,490	4.0	1,140	3.1	0	350	38,530	37,590	36,580	940	1,950
Concord LMA	1,960	4.2	1,310	2.9	1,480	3.3	650	480	46,540	44,640	44,270	1,900	2,270
Keene LMA	1,580	4.0	1,310	3.4	1,340	3.5	270	240	39,090	38,040	38,010	1,050	1,080
Laconia LMA	1,590	3.3	1,770	3.9	1,290	2.8	-180	300	47,860	45,010	46,640	2,850	1,220
Littleton LMA	790	5.2	1,070	7.6	610	4.2	-280	180	15,290	14,010	14,570	1,280	720
Manchester MSA	2,810	3.3	2,720	3.2	2,800	3.3	90	10	86,430	85,590	84,750	840	1,680
Nashua PMSA	4,210	4.4	3,560	3.8	2,810	3.0	650	1,400	96,630	94,220	92,930	2,410	3,700
N.H. Portion of Lawrence Haverhill MA. PMSA ***	2,860	6.1	3,260	7.0	3,500	7.7	-400	-640	47,030	46,570	45,460	460	1,570
Portsmouth - Dover - Rochester N.H. - ME.	4,780	4.4	4,920	4.7	6,890	6.4	-140	-2,110	109,780	105,520	108,030	4,260	1,750
Unattached Estimating Area ****	880	5.5	830	5.4	1,160	7.4	50	-280	15,980	15,250	15,720	730	260
Town of Pelham (Part of Lowell MA - NH PMSA)	330	6.2	310	6.0	140	3.0	20	190	5,290	5,200	4,730	90	560
County													
Belknap	910	3.7	1,030	4.5	680	2.9	-120	230	24,420	23,040	23,690	1,380	730
Carroll	480	3.4	590	4.4	550	3.9	-110	-70	14,280	13,480	13,970	800	310
Cheshire	1,480	4.2	1,220	3.6	1,240	3.6	260	240	35,070	34,110	34,080	960	990
Coos	1,080	6.1	1,320	8.0	1,110	6.5	-240	-30	17,590	16,540	17,050	1,050	540
Grafton	1,330	3.7	1,500	4.4	1,040	3.0	-170	290	36,240	34,270	34,720	1,970	1,520
Hillsborough	7,160	3.9	6,470	3.6	5,650	3.2	690	1,510	181,660	178,220	175,800	3,440	5,860
Merrimack	2,240	3.9	1,670	3.0	1,670	3.0	570	570	57,270	55,010	54,800	2,260	2,470
Rockingham	5,550	5.1	5,630	5.3	8,010	7.5	-80	-2,460	108,140	105,240	106,760	2,900	1,380
Strafford	2,870	5.9	3,130	6.7	3,140	6.6	-260	-270	48,450	46,780	47,460	1,670	990
Sullivan	990	4.0	1,040	5.3	700	3.7	-50	290	20,040	19,600	18,920	440	1,120

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

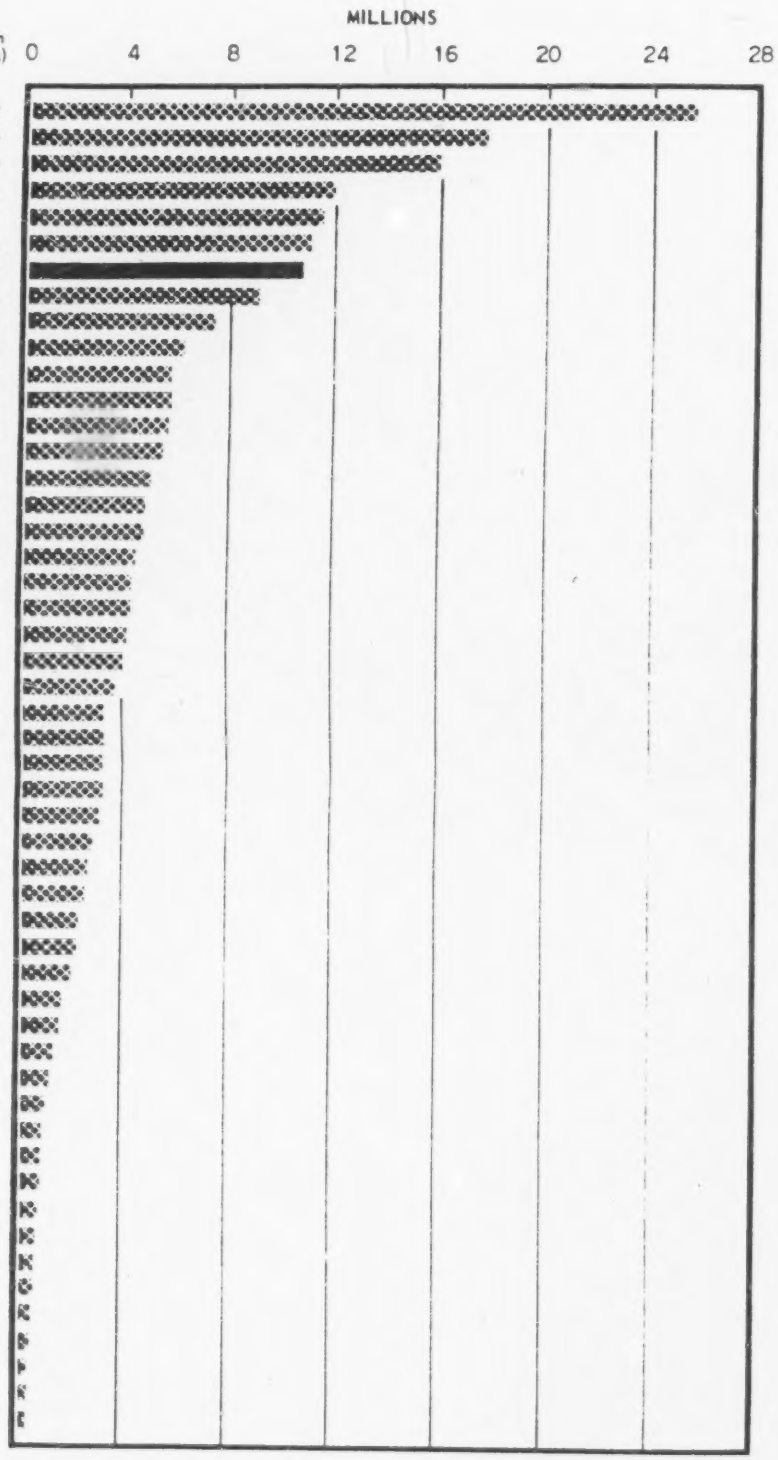
Manchester MSA — includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA — is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1985	1984	1983	1982
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - June	318.7			
Percent change from year ago	4.1			
Year average		307.6	297.4	288.6
Percent increase each year		3.4	3.0	6.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - June	322.3			
Percent change from year ago	3.7			
Year average		311.1	298.4	289.1
Percent increase each year		4.3	3.2	6.1

TOTAL RESIDENT POPULATION RANKED BY STATE
JULY 1, 1984



Rank and State	Population (thousands)
1. CALIFORNIA	25,622
2. NEW YORK	17,735
3. TEXAS	15,989
4. PENNSYLVANIA	11,901
5. ILLINOIS	11,511
6. FLORIDA	10,976
7. OHIO	10,752
8. MICHIGAN	9,075
9. NEW JERSEY	7,515
10. NORTH CAROLINA	6,165
11. GEORGIA	5,837
12. MASSACHUSETTS	5,798
13. VIRGINIA	5,636
14. INDIANA	5,498
15. MISSOURI	5,008
16. WISCONSIN	4,766
17. TENNESSEE	4,717
18. LOUISIANA	4,462
19. MARYLAND	4,349
20. WASHINGTON	4,349
21. MINNESOTA	4,162
22. ALABAMA	3,990
23. KENTUCKY	3,723
24. SOUTH CAROLINA	3,300
25. OKLAHOMA	3,298
26. COLORADO	3,178
27. CONNECTICUT	3,154
28. ARIZONA	3,053
29. IOWA	2,910
30. OREGON	2,674
31. MISSISSIPPI	2,598
32. KANSAS	2,438
33. ARKANSAS	2,349
34. WEST VIRGINIA	1,952
35. UTAH	1,652
36. NEBRASKA	1,606
37. NEW MEXICO	1,424
38. MAINE	1,156
39. HAWAII	1,039
40. IDAHO	1,001
41. NEW HAMPSHIRE	977
42. RHODE ISLAND	962
43. NEVADA	911
44. MONTANA	824
45. SOUTH DAKOTA	706
46. NORTH DAKOTA	686
47. DIST OF COLUMBIA	623
48. DELAWARE	613
49. VERMONT	530
50. WYOMING	511
51. ALASKA	500

ALL STATES 236,158,000

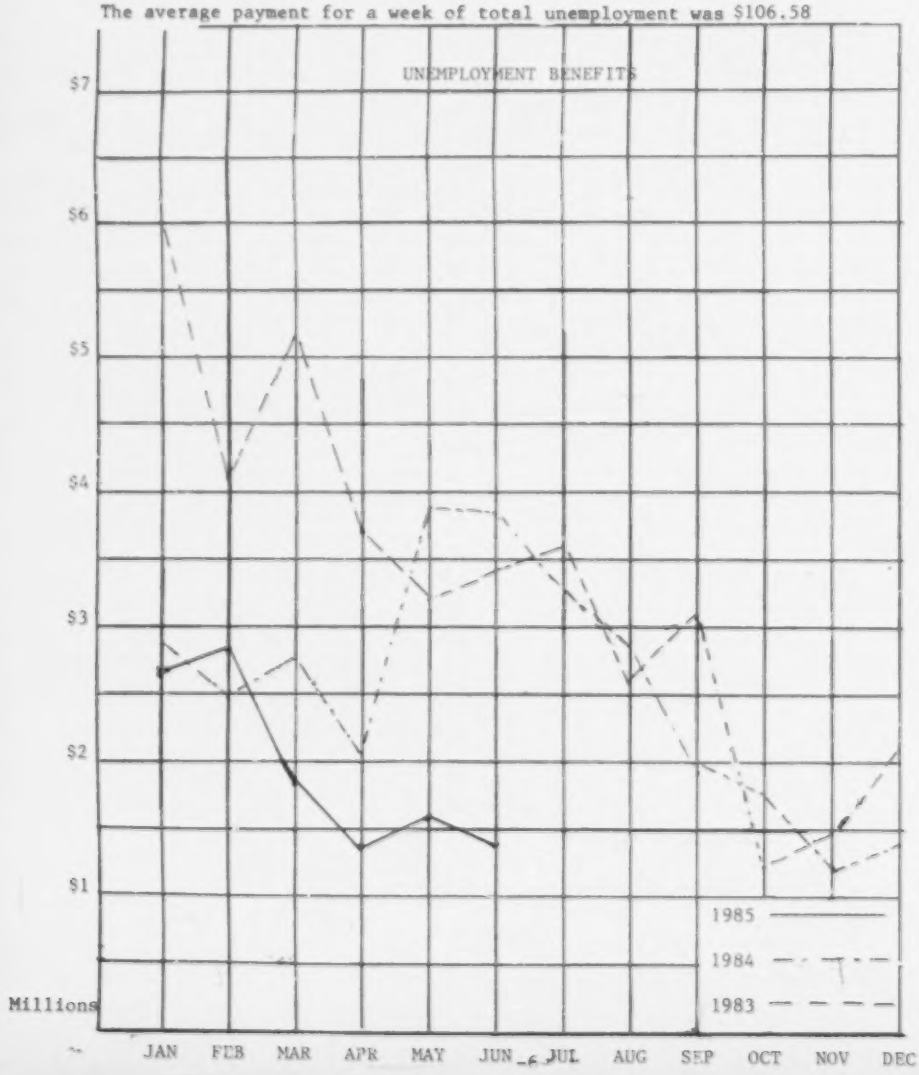
"Source: Bureau of the Census," Population Estimates and Projections," June 1985. Provisional.

Labor Market Information Division
Ohio Bureau of Employment Services
Columbus 7-25-85 No. E-513

Weekly Claims Filed During June 1985
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	4,243	12,815	16	42	17	11	25	80	15	30
Berlin	171	757	0	0	2	2	0	6	1	1
Claremont	340	583	0	0	0	1	2	6	0	0
Concord	523	798	1	14	2	1	4	8	1	3
Conway	45	177	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Dover	636	2,378	4	15	2	4	2	8	5	8
Keene	257	907	2	4	5	1	2	5	0	0
Laconia	341	828	7	6	3	1	2	1	1	3
Lebanon	50	211	0	0	1	0	1	9	0	0
Littleton	256	703	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
Manchester	600	1,547	0	0	0	0	6	7	3	2
Nashua	481	1,212	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	0
Portsmouth	258	1,353	0	0	0	0	2	11	3	3
Salem	136	469	0	0	1	0	1	7	0	0
Liable Interstate	149	892	0	3	0	0	0	4	1	10

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $106.58



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$105,116,131.84

Net contributions received during month:

$ 146,114.38

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,386,609.36

Interest Received:

0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984
All manufacturing	$339.39	$333.68	$318.61	40.5	40.3	40.9	$8.38	$8.28	$7.79
Durable goods	353.22	347.99	331.64	40.6	40.7	41.3	8.70	8.55	8.03
Lumber & wood prods.	253.24	253.74	247.60	38.9	39.4	40.0	6.51	6.44	6.19
Furniture & fixtures	262.42	252.76	265.65	36.6	35.4	38.5	7.17	7.14	6.90
Stone & clay prods.	340.17	338.48	316.58	42.1	42.1	41.6	8.08	8.04	7.61
Primary metal prods.	380.45	369.41	356.77	41.9	41.6	44.1	9.08	8.88	8.09
Fab. metal prods.	330.44	312.42	303.19	41.1	39.9	40.2	8.04	7.83	7.56
Mach. (exc. elec.)	398.07	384.54	377.99	43.6	43.5	43.8	9.13	8.84	8.63
Electrical prods.	356.62	361.14	332.80	38.1	39.0	40.0	9.36	9.26	8.32
Miscellaneous prods.	249.71	256.26	249.67	39.7	41.2	41.2	6.29	6.22	6.06
Other durables	366.96	354.38	339.60	41.7	40.5	41.1	8.80	8.75	8.27
Nondurable goods	311.18	306.88	294.00	40.1	39.7	40.0	7.76	7.73	7.35
Food & kindred prods.	395.20	394.01	390.58	40.7	41.0	42.5	9.71	9.61	9.19
Textile mill prods.	276.51	269.01	267.18	39.0	39.1	39.7	7.09	6.88	6.73
Apparel	218.15	208.73	202.76	37.1	36.3	36.6	5.88	5.75	5.54
Paper & allied prods.	453.12	434.26	441.64	48.0	46.1	48.8	9.44	9.42	9.05
Print., pub. & allied	314.73	317.58	293.67	39.0	39.5	39.0	8.07	8.04	7.53
Leather & lea. prods.	202.94	194.73	190.10	37.1	35.6	35.6	5.47	5.47	5.34
Footwear	187.90	182.15	180.54	36.7	35.3	35.4	5.12	5.16	5.10
Other nondurables	329.22	328.80	314.77	40.1	40.0	40.2	8.21	8.22	7.83

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 54%

Total Production Workers: 84,850

Firms Reporting: 349

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984
All manufacturing	$319.97	$315.20	$296.60	39.6	39.4	39.6	$8.08	$8.00	$7.49
Durable goods	347.45	345.46	319.58	39.8	39.8	40.3	8.73	8.68	7.93
Mach. & elec. prods.	350.95	347.93	325.61	39.7	39.9	40.6	8.84	8.72	8.02
Other durables	341.94	341.35	310.04	39.9	39.6	39.8	8.57	8.62	7.79
Nondurable goods	284.93	276.58	268.19	39.3	38.9	38.7	7.25	7.11	6.93
Textiles & apparel	264.49	249.76	269.33	39.3	37.9	39.9	6.73	6.59	6.75
Other nondurables	293.18	288.80	267.78	39.3	39.4	38.2	7.46	7.33	7.01

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52%

Total Production Workers: 11,400

Firms Reporting: 40

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984	June 1985	May 1985	June 1984
All manufacturing	$412.64	$402.35	$385.31	41.1	40.6	41.7	$10.04	$9.91	$9.24
Durable goods	419.50	406.31	392.62	41.7	41.0	42.4	10.06	9.91	9.26
Mach. & elec. prods.	450.02	434.83	419.58	41.4	40.6	42.0	10.87	10.71	9.99
Other durables	357.03	332.11	321.16	42.5	42.2	43.4	7.93	7.87	7.40
Nondurable goods	380.77	381.15	354.63	38.5	38.5	38.8	9.89	9.90	9.14

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 65%

Total Production Workers: 21,050

Firms Reporting: 69

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending June 1985

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	12,064	5,998	1,716	874	1,364	639
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	967	152	108	0	187	0
Managerial (18,19)	782	512	113	74	155	101
Clerical (20-24)	2,199	1,823	312	257	211	158
Sales (25-29)	594	310	90	45	58	28
Services (3)	2,096	1,284	286	181	122	63
Farm (4)	166	34	12	2	18	2
Processing (5)	235	86	31	14	45	18
Machine Trade (6)	1,128	415	164	67	88	18
Benchwork (7)	1,383	1,027	244	171	241	183
Structural (8)	1,306	65	170	11	102	8
Miscellaneous (9)	1,132	251	173	44	127	53
Unclassified	76	39	13	8	10	7

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	June 1985	May 1985	July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985
Total applicants for employment	2,996	2,859	37,679
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,943	2,986	30,219
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,903	2,632	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,299	1,200	14,072

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
32 SOUTH MAIN STREET
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-4857

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